

REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 3 and 6 are canceled. Therefore, claims 1, 2 and 4 are all the claims pending in the application.

Claims 1-4 and 6 are rejected.

Claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement.

Claims 1-4 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Maekawa et al. (JP 2002-136096) in view of Miyamoto et al. (WO 99/41825) in view of Ehrhart et al. (WO 01/63720).

The Applicants traverse the rejections and request reconsideration.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claim 6 is canceled rendering its rejection moot.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. 103

Rejection of Claims 1-4 and 6 based on Maekawa et al. in view of Miyamoto et al. in view of Ehrhart et al.

The Applicants respectfully amend claim 1 to recite that the movers are not connected via a spacer. The figures clearly show that there is no spacer in between the movers. Further, the original claims and the Specification clearly note that there is a gap in between the movers, thereby clearly showing that there is no spacer in between the movers.

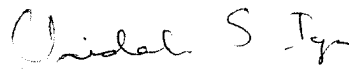
The Applicants further amend claim 1 to recite the features of the present claim 3.

In addition, claim 1 has been amended to clearly specify that the external terminals are disposed on the connecting terminals...so as to connect all the respective terminals in series.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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